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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2009–10 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 164

Introduced by Assembly Member Villines
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Arambula and Gilmore)
(Coauthors: Senators Cogdill and Florez)

May 17, 2010

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 164—Relative to the Deputy Sheriff Joel B. Wahlenmaier Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 164, as amended, Villines. Deputy Sheriff Joel B. Wahlenmaier Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 168 in Fresno County as the Deputy Sheriff Joel B. Wahlenmaier Memorial Highway. The measure would also request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering those costs, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Joel B. Wahlenmaier of the Fresno
- 2 County Sheriff's Office was killed on February 25, 2010, while
- 3 in performance of his duties to the citizens he was sworn to protect;
- 4 and
- 5 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Wahlenmaier was born in
- 6 Bakersfield and raised in Fresno, attending local schools and

1 Reedley College. Upon joining the Fresno County Sheriff's Office
2 in 1998, Deputy Sheriff Wahlenmaier worked in the Patrol Division
3 and as a detective assigned to the Robbery/Property Crimes and
4 Homicide units. He was also a longtime member of the Sheriff's
5 Search & Rescue Team. Deputy Sheriff Wahlenmaier was a
6 dedicated officer who served his community and loved his
7 profession; and

8 WHEREAS, On February 25, 2010, Deputy Sheriff
9 Wahlenmaier was investigating a felony assault case in the town
10 of Minkler, California, in eastern Fresno County. While Deputy
11 Sheriff Wahlenmaier was serving a search warrant, the suspect
12 ambushed law enforcement officers with gunfire. Deputy Sheriff
13 Wahlenmaier suffered gunshot wounds that resulted in his death
14 upon his arrival at Community Regional Medical Center. The
15 subsequent investigation found that the suspect, a 51-year-old
16 Minkler man, was angry with other residents of the town and had
17 planned to ambush law enforcement officers if they attempted to
18 contact him. The suspect committed suicide during the incident.
19 Reedley Police Officer Javier Bejar was also killed in the gun
20 battle; and

21 WHEREAS, Deputy Sheriff Wahlenmaier is survived by his
22 loving wife Beverly, and his two children, daughter Amy and son
23 Austin. He is also survived by his parents, Arthur and Patricia
24 Wahlenmaier, his sister Natalie (Wahlenmaier) Tomajan, and
25 brother Tyler Wahlenmaier; and

26 WHEREAS, It is appropriate to memorialize Deputy Sheriff
27 Wahlenmaier's sacrifice by naming a portion of State Highway
28 Route 168 in his honor, and to remember the sacrifices made by
29 California peace officers across the state who risk their lives daily
30 to protect citizens' lives; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
32 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby recognizes the
33 sacrifice made by Deputy Sheriff Wahlenmaier to protect the
34 people of California and designates the portion of State Highway
35 Route 168 from ~~approximately 0.5 miles east of Lodge the~~
36 *intersection of Dragonfly Lane and Tollhouse Road to Ockenden*
37 *Ranch Road in Fresno County as the Deputy Sheriff Joel B.*
38 *Wahlenmaier Memorial Highway; and be it further*

39 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
40 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent

1 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,
2 showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations
3 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
4 be it further

5 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
6 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
7 author for appropriate distribution.

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